

Town Topics.

Miss A. T. Howard, of 17th street, has returned from Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

Miss Anna Johnson, one of Washington's popular school teachers, is enjoying her vacation in New York.

Mrs. Nancy Johnson, the mother of Mr. J. T. Johnson, our genial friend of P street, N. W., is now resting at Colonial Beach.

Mr. Charles Freeman, late of the Southern Hotel, who spent the summer at Central Valley, New York, has returned to the city.

Mrs. Ida Bundy and sister of Linden street northeast, have returned to the city after a pleasant stay of five weeks at Heathsville, Va.

Miss Julia Taylor and Miss Elizabeth Johnson of this city who have been spending the summer at Newport, R. I., have returned to the city.

Mrs. Ella Williams who spent a week in the city, the city, the guest of Mrs. Brandon of 11 street has returned to her home at Montclair, N. J.

Dr. William L. Tignor returned to the city this week, after having spent a very pleasant vacation at Niagara Falls, also visiting the fair at Toronto, Canada.

On account of rain, St. Luke's P. E. church picnic for September 9th has been postponed to September 19th 1902. Tickets of the 9th are good for the 19th.

Just received one thousand styles of fine imported wosteds containing all the latest designs. Suits from \$15 up at A. H. Cooper, the tailor, 925 18th street, northwest.

Mrs. Violet N. Blackwell, stenographer and court reporter of Chicago, Ill., is in the city, the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. B. Wood, 2235 11th street northwest.

Mrs. E. D. Scott, accompanied by her son, Master Paul Dessalines, returned home from New York last Thursday, September 4th. Mrs. Scott is much improved by her trip.

Mrs. Ida P. Belcher of 1316 4th st. n. w., left last Thursday for her old home, Augusta, Ga., where she hopes to spend a pleasant two or three weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Don't forget the grand opening of the Southern Hotel Monday evening, September 15th, from 10 a. m. to 12 p. m. Music and refreshments in abundance. The public is cordially invited.

It is said that, that popular organization the "Wooers" are not satisfied even with their brilliant social success of last winter. They are considering a monster function before Christmas. Success to them.

Rev. W. H. Stokes, B. D., of Richmond, Va. was married to Miss Orie E. Brown, of Fredericksburg, Va., Tuesday, September 9th. Rev. Wm J. Howard of Zion Baptist church tied the nuptial knot.

Mr. Charles A. Dunston, a popular young business man, of Raleigh, N. C., was in the city this week shaking hands with his many friends. He received a grand ovation and returned to his home last Wednesday morning.

Mr. R. L. LaMar, Jr., scientific chiropodist and masseur, of Chicago Ill., who has spent the heated term of the Atlantic coast, passed through the city this week en route to his western home. He made many new friends in the East.

Cards for the "High Tea" are being much sought for by individuals who are anxious to secure the souvenir. Get your ticket and hold it until the result is declared.

Mr. S. C. Burrell, secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A. of Richmond, Va., in company with Rev. W. H. Stokes, B. D., pastor Ebenezer Baptist church, also of Richmond, Va., was in the city this week and paid our office a pleasant visit. Rev. Stokes was also a delegate at the Lott Carey Convention which met at Liberty Baptist church.

Mr. J. H. Hannon, of the Recorder's Office, who has been on the sick list for several months, has resumed his duties. Although not in robust health as yet, he gives promise of complete recovery in time, much to the gratification of a host of friends. Mr. Hannon is one of the most useful men of the race, and he should be spared for many years to come.

Mr. John M. Brown and wife of Wylie Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., and Mr. A. Jack Jones of the City Hall, Pittsburg, were visitors in our city for the past two weeks. The Browns are former Washingtonians and were the guests of of their relatives and friends while here. Mr. Jones who is an all-around politician and orator and better known as Mayor Jones, is a jolly, good fellow and was the life and sunshine of the many parties of friends he met while in this city.



Private Early Hicks,
24th Infantry United States Army.

Anacostia News.

Mr. William E. Lewis and Miss Emma E. Smith have returned. Officer William Stewart is out again. Miss Mattie Green is spending her vacation at Harper's Ferry. The funeral of Mrs. Susan Carter, sister of George Dennie and Mrs. Slaughter took place Wednesday, September 2nd. She was a native of Virginia and seventy years of age. The funeral services were conducted Rev. George Mason. A series of sermons, from October 5th to December 21st will be conducted by Rev. Frank P. Lewis, pastor of Campbell, A. M. E. church. The wedding of one of Anacostia's progressive business men will occur soon. Dr. Gayles has returned from Cedar Point a visit of 12 days.

All of our girls and fellows will be home just in time to attend the Amphions' "High Tea." A novel idea, and a fitting close to the summer outings. Take my own girl? Well, I should say. Large lawn, excellent music. Large parlors, Refreshments, Souvenir.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

United Order of True Reformers

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for gilt edged business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 50 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age,) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per year.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 3 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cent. as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Class B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164,423 83
Due from National Banks ...	48,383 22
Banking House	14,000 00
Other real estates	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1 388 99
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80
Paper currency	35,820 00

Total 391,120 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Surplus fund	80,957 81
Undivided profits	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposit	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit	118,424 74

Total 391,120

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home." With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases buildings.

For any further information, address.

WM. L. TAYLOR, W. M. M. Secy.

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